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consists of four sections, as follows:

the Bulgarian Black Sea Fleet

- a. Naval Headquarters;
- b. Naval Command;
- c. Coastal Defense at Varna; and
- d. Coastal Defense at Burgas.

Naval Headquarters

2. The Naval Headquarters has the following subdivisions:

- a. Commanding Officer, Captain Atanas Paraskevov;
- b. Chief of Staff;
- c. Political Commissar;
- d. Chief of Intelligence Bureau, believed to be Captain Kirov;
- e. Chief of Operations; and
- f. Chief of Supply, Captain Demirev.

Naval Command

3. The Naval Command is under the direction of Captain Stefan Nikolov and consists of the following units:

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- a. One destroyer, the GEORGI DIMITROV;
  - b. One squadron of large submarine chasers;
  - c. One squadron of small submarine chasers; and
  - d. One flotilla of torpedo boats.
4. The GEORGI DIMITROV, displacement 1,600 tons, was constructed in 1947 and presented to Bulgaria by the USSR. The twin guns in the bows of the vessel have a kind of radar equipment on the revolving gun-turrets. Captain Dobrev is the commander of the ship.
  5. The squadron of large submarine chasers is commanded by Captain Petăr Korbadžiev and consists of two 200-ton BO chasers. The vessels are equipped with three Diesel motors and are capable of a speed of 24 knots. Armament consists of one gun in a revolving gun-turret, two 37 mm. antiaircraft guns, two D.Sh.K. (Degtyarev-Shpagin) machine guns, 12 large depth charges, 20 small depth charges; each is equipped with a water sounding installation known as Drakon C.34 and with smoke screen equipment.
  6. The squadron of small submarine chasers consists of the following:
    - a. Six wooden MO chasers, displacement 60 tons, 21-man crew, powered by two Packard motors, capable of a speed of 19 knots; armed with two semi-automatic 45 mm. guns, two D.Sh.K. antiaircraft machine guns, eight large depth charges, and 16 small depth charges; each vessel carries smoke screen equipment and Drakon C.34 and Tamir 9 sounding equipment; these ships can also be used for mine sweeping and for coastal defense; and
    - b. Six wooden OD chasers, displacement 40 tons, 21-man crew, powered by two Packard engines, capable of a speed of 24 knots; armed with one 37 mm. antiaircraft gun, four D.Sh.K. antiaircraft machine guns, eight large depth charges, and 16 small depth charges; each is equipped with Drakon C.34 and Tamir 9 sounding equipment, and each craft carries smoke screen equipment.
  7. The flotilla of torpedo boats is commanded by Lieutenant Commander Stefan Donchev and consists of the following:
    - a. Six Soviet torpedo boats, displacement 40 tons, steel construction, 20-man crew, powered by two gasoline engines, capable of a speed of 24 knots; armed with one automatic 37 mm. gun, four D.Sh.K. antiaircraft machine guns, two torpedo tubes from which the torpedo tubes themselves have actually been removed according to a clause in the Peace Treaty; each vessel carries depth charges and smoke screen equipment; these ships were received from the USSR in 1950, but before the Bulgarians took over the craft, their crews had to receive two years instruction at Ochakov; and
    - b. A group of old-fashioned Bulgarian torpedo boats, in two sections as follows:
      - (1) LÜRSSEN, consisting of three 60-ton torpedo boats constructed in Germany in 1939, 22-man crew, powered by three Diesel B.M.W. (Bayerische Motoren Werke) engines capable of a speed of 30 knots; each is armed with two twin antiaircraft Rheinmetall guns, two machine guns, two 533 mm. caliber torpedo tubes, six depth charges, and smoke screen apparatus; and
      - (2) POWER, consisting of two 40-ton torpedo boats constructed in England in 1941, wooden construction, 20-man crew, powered by three Rolls Royce engines, capable of a speed of 40 knots, armed with two Hispano Suiza antiaircraft guns, two 533 mm. torpedo tubes, six depth charges, and smoke screen apparatus; in 1944, there were four of these torpedo boats, but two were taken over by the USSR for study.

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Coastal Defense Section at Varna

8. The Coastal Defense Section at Varna consists of the following units:
  - a. A flotilla of mine layers;
  - b. A section of specialists;
  - c. Q.M.G. section;
  - d. Naval Arsenal; and
  - e. Depot and repair shop for torpedoes.
9. The flotilla of mine layers consists of the following:
  - a. One group of mine layers, consisting of two old converted German-type mine layers of steel construction, displacement 200 tons, 20-man crew, powered by three Diesel engines, capable of a speed of 10 knots, unarmed; and
  - b. One group of mine sweepers, consisting of eight Bulgarian 20-ton craft, 8-man crew, powered with a Diesel engine capable of a speed of eight knots, armed with one machine gun.
10. The section of specialists is comprised of the following:
  - a. Divers;
  - b. Radio section;
  - c. Electro-technical section;
  - d. Signal section; and
  - e. Searchlight section.

Coastal Defense Section at Burgas

11. The Coastal Defense Section at Burgas consists of the following units:
  - a. A flotilla of mine sweepers;
  - b. A section of specialists;
  - c. Q.M.G. section; and
  - d. Naval repair workshops.
12. The flotilla of mine sweepers consists of six Bulgarian-type 15 ton mine sweepers, with 6-man crews, powered by one Diesel motor capable of a speed of eight knots, and armed with one machine gun.
13. The section of specialists is comprised of the following:
  - a. Divers;
  - b. Radio section;
  - c. Electro-technical section;

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d. Signal section; and

e. Searchlight section.

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